

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on August 23, 2004 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:12 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos  
Treasurer Duba  
Commissioner Gravely  
Commissioner Jernigan  
Commissioner Lewis

Introduction of the audience followed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Davalos reported that she attended the following:

- The East L.A. Chicana Film Festival
- A one-woman bilingual show on the experience of a Mexican woman immigrating to the United States
- A play about the mysterious disappearance of hundreds of women of Juarez, Mexico
- The dedication of a Meso-American plaza.

She also reported on newspaper articles concerning a rape case, a UFW boycott of a wine producer and on the death of a farm worker.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported the following:

- The Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women is hosting Women's Equality Day Breakfast on September 1, 2004 at 7:00 a.m. in San Jose.
- Commission staff Twila Kerr will be out for a few weeks due to surgery.
- Commissioner Morgan was in intensive care for several days but is recovering well now. The President had authorized flowers to be sent to her using the President's Fund.
- Commissioners were reminded to complete their Commission Retreat Surveys.

A question was raised on whether the "expressed condolence" policy includes illnesses. Staff will review this policy and report back.

### **UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR THE 5K RUN/WALK EVENT**

Treasurer Duba reported the following:

- The next subcommittee meeting would be today at 12:30 p.m.
- Although Supervisor Antonovich and Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard won't be able to attend the race, members of the Pasadena City Council are expected.
- She reviewed the event schedule, job duties, entertainment, press coverage and booth exhibitors (copy on file).

Commissioners suggested extending personal invitations to each member of the Board of Supervisors to attend the race.

### **PRESENTATION ON L.A. CITY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS EVENTS**

Susan Millmann, Chair of the Los Angeles City Domestic Violence Task Force, and Debi Biederman, Secretary for the Task Force from the Jewish Family Service, Family Violence Project, highlighted activities planned for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, including the October 1, 2004 kick-off reception at City Hall. This year, various organizations are collaborating to promote public awareness of the issue of collateral damage suffered by family members of domestic violence victims. Ms. Millman and Ms. Biederman then reviewed event fundraising and solicitations, emphasizing the need for additional donations.

The Commission thanked them for their informative presentation. Commissioners agreed to agendaize their funding request for the next meeting.

### **POSTPONEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 COMMISSION MEETING**

President Davalos instructed staff to mail out a notice regarding the postponement of the September 13, 2004 Commission meeting to September 27, 2004.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health Committee:** There was no report.

**Legislative Committee:** Commissioner Jernigan reported the state legislature would be in recess after August 31, 2004 due to the upcoming election. She then discussed a bill related to training for health care providers, which she will forward to the Health Committee for review.

**Media/Public Relations Committee:** There was no report.

**Older Women's Issues Committee:** There was no report.

**Retreat Planning Subcommittee:** Commissioner Gravely reported on the collection of the retreat surveys. Commissioners requested her and Commissioner Becerra-Jones to prepare a budget and program for the Commission's approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Genevieve Clavreul spoke on issues related to the King/Drew Medical Center.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Jernigan reported on her involvement in this year's election and on her participation in community health care activities.

**MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA:** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Karin Davalos, President  
Reiko Duba, Treasurer  
Wadie Gravely  
Ruth Jernigan  
Bonnie J. Lewis

### **EXCUSED**

Charlotte Lesser, Vice President  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Roslyn Cooperman  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D  
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Esq.  
Lila Morgan  
Janet E. Mummey, Esq.  
Barbara Perkins  
Olivia Rodriguez

### **UNEXCUSED**

Sophia Esparza

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Steve Erickson, Audra Galang and  
Gabriel Alexander  
Angel Triola, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

### **GUESTS**

Debi Biederman, Jewish Family Service  
Genevieve Clavreul  
Nora Mendoza, U.S.C. Center for Colorectal and Pelvic Floor Surgery  
Susan Millman, Los Angeles City Domestic Violence Task Force